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CORRUPTION

HONEY USED IN THE RECENT PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

REPRESENTATIVE HOLMAN'S RESOLUTION OF INQUIRY.

Chairman Edmund's Report on Government's Power to Bring Suit to Vacate Patents—Senator Gray's Reply to Frye, of Maine, on the Samoa Question—Our Foreign Relations the Theme of Sharp Discussion—Sherman's Great Speech on the Tariff—A Big Field Day in Both Branches of Congress.

WASHINGTON, December 11.—The Senate yesterday continued the discussion of the tariff bill.

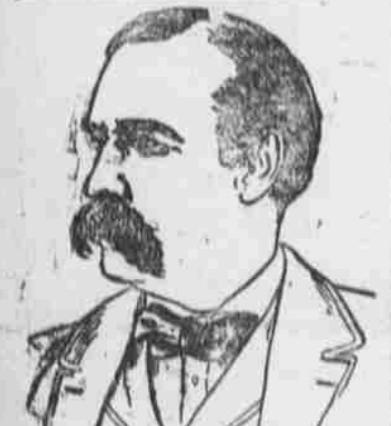
A letter from the secretary of state, transmitting the certificates of election of presidential electors in Alabama, New Jersey, Missouri and Louisiana, was laid before the Senate.



GEORGE F. EDMUNDS

Mr. Edmunds reported from the judiciary committee that the question heretofore submitted to the committee relative to the authority of the president of the United States to bring suit to vacate a patent without special authority from congress, had been decided in the Supreme Court in the affirmative. The committee was discharged from further consideration of the resolution.

Mr. Frye presented a resolution instructing the committee on foreign relations to inquire into the condition of affairs at Samoa, and report to the Senate what steps have been taken to maintain the neutrality of the island and what action, if any, is demanded. Mr. Frye gave a resume of the recent occurrences at the island, and said that the United States should resist the encroachments of the German and English governments.



GEORGE GRAY

Mr. Gray replied to Mr. Frye that the power to commit the government to action that would amount to war, rested with Congress. The resolution was sent to the committee on contingent expenses.

At one o'clock, the Senate resumed the consideration of the tariff bill.

Mr. Harris temporarily withdrew his amendment to reduce the duty on structural iron and steel and Mr. McPherson moved to amend the paragraph relating to pig iron so as to make the rate \$6 a ton instead of three-tenths cents a pound.

The amendment was rejected after a brief argument by Mr. McPherson and Mr. Allison, by a party vote of 20 to 22.

At the suggestion of Mr. Harris, Mr. McPherson withdrew his motion for postponement, at which there was some laughter on the Republican side.

Mr. Harris reengaged his amendment to reduce the duty on beams, girders, joists, angles, etc., from one and one-tenth cents a pound to six-tenths of a cent. He spoke of Mr. Carnegie's profit on 30,000 tons of steel beams manufactured in one year, as over one million dollars, and described the steel trust in this country as one "Hoary with age." How long, he asked, was that trust to exist?



SENATOR SHERMAN

Mr. Sherman desired to state, once for all, the grounds of his severance from the bill, because it was neither a matter of pleasure for the Senate, nor a matter of public utility, to waste time in repeating over and over again the same argument on different clauses of the bill. Undoubtedly the Mills bill represented the general sentiment of the Democratic party, while the Senate substitute had been carried before the people of the United States, and there debated, advocated and supported. The one bill looked to a

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THREE MEN KILLED

TERRIFIC EXPLOSION IN A CHICAGO MILL.

BUT SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY IGNITION OF THE DUST.

In the Chambers of the Establishments Searching in the Debris for Remains & Dynamic Scars.

CHICAGO, December 13.—An explosion took place soon after 2 o'clock yesterday morning in David Oliver's cotton mill on North Halsted street. The sides of the building were blown out by the force of the explosion and almost in a dash the entire mill was gone. The bill was in operation during the night as usual, and it is believed three men have lost their lives. The following names men are believed to have been killed:

Charles A. Miller, night engineer. John Smith, mill man.

Ernest Casper, second miller. John Holmes, the second engineer, was blown out of the building into the street, a distance of over thirty feet. His injuries are very serious, but not necessarily fatal.

On the corner of Fulton street adjoining the mill, was a double frame building occupied by Charles Murphy. The upper rooms were occupied by a family who miraculously escaped from the building after the roof had been blown off. In the rear of the mill were a number of small residences and saloons. These are utterly demolished. The buildings on Halsted street, opposite the mill are almost totally ruined.

The scene in the street in front of the mill is a chaos of the wildest description. Tons of bricks are piled upon the street car tracks and the entire fire department is at work playing huge streams of water on the fiery mass. Sensational rumors of the explosion being caused by dynamite are being circulated. The fire department is of the opinion that the explosion took place in the boiler room. The financial loss is about \$75,000.

After the fire, which took place, was extinguished, Marshal Gabriel commenced an investigation and satisfied himself there were only three bodies in the ruins, those of Ernest Casper, John Christian and Charles Miller. Casper was the engineer, and worked on top of the mill. The engineer was buried one hundred feet away, and the body of the victim is in the rubble. Christian was the kiln man and his body is in the southwest corner of the mill, covered by tons of debris. Miller was the engineer and is not buried near the boiler. Marshall Gabel has a force of thirty men digging in the ruins. The bulges have been uncovered, and it is found they were not exploded, and the cause of the explosion remains to be discovered. The building was one hundred feet by forty and four-stories high.

Up to twelve o'clock but one victim had been taken out of the ruins—that of Miller, the engineer. Mr. Oliver thinks the disaster was caused by the explosion of med dust.

The body of Casper has been taken from the ruins.

A WASHINGTON MYSTERY

Which Leads Us to Wonder What Kind of Whisky Mrs. Shea Drinks.

WASHINGTON, December 12.—Mrs. Shea, a respectable citizen of Washington, residing on Delaware avenue, is very much disturbed by various manifestations which neither she nor the authorities have been able to explain. For some months she has been troubled with stones falling about and against her house. Stones and brickbats are thrown from some invisible quarter against the house and upon the roof, sometimes by the score. The police have been notified and requested to investigate, but the more they investigate the more mystified they become.

Hundreds of curious people gathered about the house, but the stone throwing continues at intervals, and none of the hundreds of observers are able to discover whence they come.

HUNG!

Ashbury Hawkins Suffers Death for the Murder of His Mother.

RIVERHEAD, L. I., December 12.—Ashbury Hawkins was hanged at 8:35 yesterday morning for the murder of his mother on October 1, 1887. Hawkins died without flinching, maintaining up to the last moment the perfect indifference he has exhibited throughout his imprisonment. The execution was witnessed by about twenty-four persons, and was wholly without incident.

TWO BOTTLES OF LAUDANUM.

Terrible Case Taken by a Philadelphia suicide.

NEW YORK, December 12.—William H. Caulfield, of Philadelphia, swallowed two bottles full of laudanum at the Sunbeam House here last night, and died shortly after at the hospital. The cause of the suicide is unknown, but letters were found on his person from his mother, advising him not to give up hope, as he had plenty to live for.

BIG LAND DEAL.

A Chicago Syndicate Buy Up Wisconsin Mining Lands.

DARLINGTON, Wis., December 12.—The heaviest transaction in mining lands ever known in Wisconsin was concluded yesterday by representatives of the Chicago syndicate. The purchases are made in the name of the Wisconsin Lead and Zinc Company, and the money invested amounts to several hundred thousand dollars.

NOT GARFIELD'S ADDRESS.

Was That Delivered by President Johnson or the Philadelphia High School.

PHILADELPHIA, December 12.—Professor Henry Clarke Johnson, late of the Lehigh University, elected president of the Philadelphia high school, charged with plagiarizing Garfield's address on education, has been completely exonerated by investigation committee.

ANOTHER LYNNING PROBABLE.

As the Outcome of a Murder in Alabama.

LAFAYETTE, Ala., December 12.—Robert Danforth, a popular young man of this place, was found dead yesterday with his head crushed in. Wesley Christopher, a negro, is suspected of the crime. Great indignation exists and lynching is probable.

THE LAW EADED.

Railroad Companies Escape the Commerce Commission.

CHICAGO, December 11.—The inter-state commerce commission has commenced investigating here with a view to ascertain if railroads can avoid charges of discrimination when they demand certain charges on steaks and at the same time employ brokers who can sell them for much less. A morning paper says of it: "The principal object for which Chairman Goode and Mr. Morrison, of the inter-state commerce commission, came to this city, is to ascertain the illegitimate practice said to have been resorted to by the railroads to evade the provisions of the inter-state commerce law in regard to passenger traffic. The methods pursued in this matter are fully as ingenious as those resorted to on freight traffic, about which so much is said at present. The commission affords the railroads the desired opportunity to violate the fourth section of the law and this is the reason why the perpetuation of this system is so strongly advocated by many of the roads. In order not to affect their business between intermediate points, most of the railroads now transport all their business through brokers' and scalpers' offices. The scalpers are furnished with large books of tickets on which they are paid their commissions amounting to nearly one half their value, which the scalpers will greatly reduce rates. Thus the through rates in most instances are lower than the rates to intermediate points. In order to evade the regular railroad offices are maintained at tariff, but travelers are given to understand that they can get cheaper rates by going to scalpers' offices. A statement lately furnished Chairman Abbott of the Western States Passenger association, revealed the fact that there were tickets of the various western roads have been examined by the commission as to the roads that furnished them with tickets, and at what prices, or upon what conditions did they obtain them. Mr. Mulford was it, said, given until Monday to answer the questions of the commission, or be committed for contempt.

Captain Schaeck, who was at once sum-

momed to the scene, made a careful investi-

gation of the building and surroundings,

but reserves his decision as to the probable

criminals and motives for the act.

OHIO NEWS.

Items of Interest Gathered From Bockey Town.

KANSAS CITY, December 11.—Miss Ora Graham, who is a daughter of ex-County Commissioner Graham, who lives about three miles from this city, committed suicide yesterday morning by shooting her self through the heart with a pistol. The cause was despondency caused by threatened blindness.

A WAR Reception.

YONKERS, December 11.—About one year ago, Eugene Cassidy, in the employ of George Remer, a brewer here, as collector, disappeared with a shortage of \$1,000. He was subsequently arrested and brought home. Being hailed, he skipped out. Saturday he came back on a visit, as he said, and was immediately put under arrest.

Was He Possessed?

LIMA, December 11.—There is a growing suspicion that Professor Elmer, a farmer who died near here last year, was possessed by his young wife. The doctor who attended him said he thought there was no indication of arsenic in saying. The remains have been disinterred, and in each of the wife's who became the sole heir to his large estate. She was married to Elmer last August. The coroner has sent the remains to a Cincinnati chemist for analysis.

A SCHOOL BUILDING BURNED.

NARROW Escape from Loss of Life—Heavy Loss of Property.

LOXAHATIE, Pa., December 14.—The Central State Normal school building in this city, was totally destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon. Shortly after noon smoke was seen issuing from the lower windows and in a little while the flames burst from several openings and began to lick the massive walls. At the time the alarm was sounded nearly 300 pupils were in their rooms and the wildest excitement ensued. The number of visitors who were in the building helped to swell the general uproar. Pupils sought safety in flight, many of them left their books and clothing in their rooms, the contents which were soon destroyed. Nearly or quite all of the heating and furniture could be saved. The furniture of the chapel including several musical instruments could not be moved and was consumed. The money of the pupils, which had been placed for safe-keeping in their trunks, also was lost. The furniture of the chapel including several musical instruments could not be moved and was consumed. The money of the pupils, which had been placed for safe-keeping in their trunks, also was lost.

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out in the all inmates escaped with

out serious injury. A few were bruised in the scramble to escape but none dangerously.

The building was brick, four stories high, and cost \$150,000.

Anthony Comstock.

LEWISTON, N. Y., December 11.—The election contest of the Knights of Pythias of Ohio to elect a grand keeper of seals and records is regarded as settled. The contestants are James S. Beans, present street commissioner of this city, and S. A. Court of Marion. From recent dispatches to Mr. Beans, his election is conceded. The result is one of the most responsible in the order, and he has a salary attached of \$1,000 a year. Term of office, three years. Commissioner Beans is in every way qualified to fill the office. He is also a candidate for mayor of this city at the coming spring election.

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Ohio Deaths.

Jesse Jenkins has been arrested for burglary at Washington C. H.

The postoffice at Shaderville was blown open Saturday morning at \$38 taken.

The jury in the Marcus murder trial, at Lancaster, found a verdict in the second degree.

Thomas Kinnally has been convicted at Athens of slandering Miss Rose Dearing, at Bucyrus.

Jame Bowley's home and contents, at Fremont, burned. Incendiary. No insurance.

William Johnson, a farmer, living near Lima, died by the accidentally discharge of his gun.

The home of Albert Wilson, near West Jefferson, occupied by Jacob Burns, burned, loss \$2,000; insured for \$1,500.

Dr. R. E. McLaughlin, of Westerville, has been awarded a verdict for \$1,000 damages against the Panhandle railroad.

The National Tube Works of McKeesport, Penna., has bought the Aliquippa Rolling Mill plant at Steelville.

The colored republicans of Findlay have made a big organization, the object of which is to secure their share of the office.

LEARNED IT IN BAVARIA.

The Socialist Who Murdered J. H. Bruce is Captured.

INDIANAPOLIS, December 11.—Henry Hacker, the socialist who tried to murder J. H. Bruce, a week ago, was captured yesterday near Waldron, Ind. He confessed to his socialist views and said he studied socialism in Bavaria and had learned from teachings there that when a man did him a wrong, it was his duty to kill him.

To Sail to Hayti.

BROOKLYN, December 11.—The United States steamer Galena received sailing orders today. Admiral Luce was at once notified. The orders are sealed, and as the admiral has not yet reached the navy yard her destination is unknown. It is believed, however, she will go direct to Port Au Prince, in Hayti. The Galena may sail tonight.

Rumor of a Big Western Wreck.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 11.—Advices have been received here that an overland train on the Santa Fe route, which left this city Friday, has been derailed between Peach Springs and Williams, Arizona. It is also stated that several passengers have been killed. The news has not been confirmed.

Two Months for Borrowing Money.

MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., December 11.—All

property of the Central railway in this state was on Saturday transferred to a corporation, known as the Central railway of Illinois, the latter giving a mortgage of \$7,000,000 to the Mercantile Trust company of New York, due in 1893.

A Big Western Railroad Deal.

NEW YORK, December 11.—The Cunard Liner steamship Aurora, from Liverpool, due here yesterday, arrived here early this morning and is detained at Quarantine. What sickness, if any, has been discovered on the vessel cannot be learned. Among the passengers are Minnie Palmer, Henry George and Lucy Parsons, Chicago, anarchist.

Two Boys Convicted.

CHARLESTOWN, December 12.—In the case in the court of the state against Frank Soule and George Arbaugh has returned the guilty of guilty of shooting with intent to kill. They are the sons of respectable parents and are found guilty of aiding Gerrie Williams and Bertha Hamilton, two members of the dead couple, to kill Samuel Walters. The murder occurred on the 3d of June last.

White Caps at Bayou.

BEXAR, December 12.—Notices posted about here indicate that the White Caps are waging war here. The notices warn keepers, potties, thieves and others implicated in recent school troubles, to mend their ways. The posters are profusely decorated with skulls and crossbones and other mysterious designs.

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